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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 21st February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1898.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY, will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, PENDRY'S STREET, HONGKONG, on TUESDAY, the 1st February, at 12.30 of the Clock in the AFTERNOON, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1897, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1898.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 8 per Cent or \$1.00 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day, will be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after MONDAY, the 31st instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply to the Office of the Company for WARRANTS. By Order of the Board of Directors.

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1898.

FAREWELL ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCE THE GOVERNOR.

The Address will be presented by His Honour Sir JOHN GARRICKS in the CITY HALL on the MORNING of TUESDAY, Feb. 1st, half past ten.

Ladies are cordially invited to attend.

The "FAME," kindly lent for the occasion, will be at the service of the accommodation of those who desire to accompany His Excellency to the Mail Steamer.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1898.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that FIELD FIRING with Maxims and Lee-Metford Rifles will take place at Deep Water Bay on the AFTERNOON of WEDNESDAY, the 2nd proxime.

The direction will be from Wanchai Chong Gao neighbourhood towards the Bay, South-West.

All persons as well as all Ships, Junks, and other vessels in the neighbourhood of Deep Water Bay are cautioned to keep clear of the range.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCHHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 20th January, 1898.

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JURY LIST, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of The Jury Consolidation Ordinance No. 15 of 1897, this day is to be posted in the Court House, a list of all Persons entitled to me to be liable to serve as Jurors. The names of Special Jurors are shown therein in Italics.

The said list will remain so posted until the 15th proxime, in order that any person may apply by notice in writing to me requiring that his name or the name of some other person may be remissively either added to or struck off from the said list in accordance to be duly assigned in such notice.

J. W. NORTON KYSHIE,
Recruiter.

Registry, Supreme Court,

Hongkong, 31st January, 1898.

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KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

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Hongkong, 31st January, 1898.

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ENTERTAINMENTS

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TO-DAY.

(MONDAY), 31st January, 1898,

at 5.15 p.m.

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MR. H. LEWIS MANNING, R.N.

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Organ Fund.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1898.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

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tained from the Godown Company within ten

days after the vessel's arrival here, after which

no claim will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1898.

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NOTICE.

ALL OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS OF

His Excellency the Governor must be

sent in to GOVERNMENT on or before

TO-DAY (MONDAY), 31st January, 1898.

C. C. PLATT,

Private Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1898.

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THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIRST ORDINARY YEARELY

MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Com-

PANY'S TOWN DEPOT, WENDHAM STREET,

HONGKONG, THIS DAY (MONDAY), the 31st

inst., at Noon, for the purpose of Presenting

the Report of the Directors and State-

ment of accounts to the 31st December, 1897,

and the Report of the General Manager.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 26th inst. to the 5th

February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

W. HUTTON POTTS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1898.

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1897.

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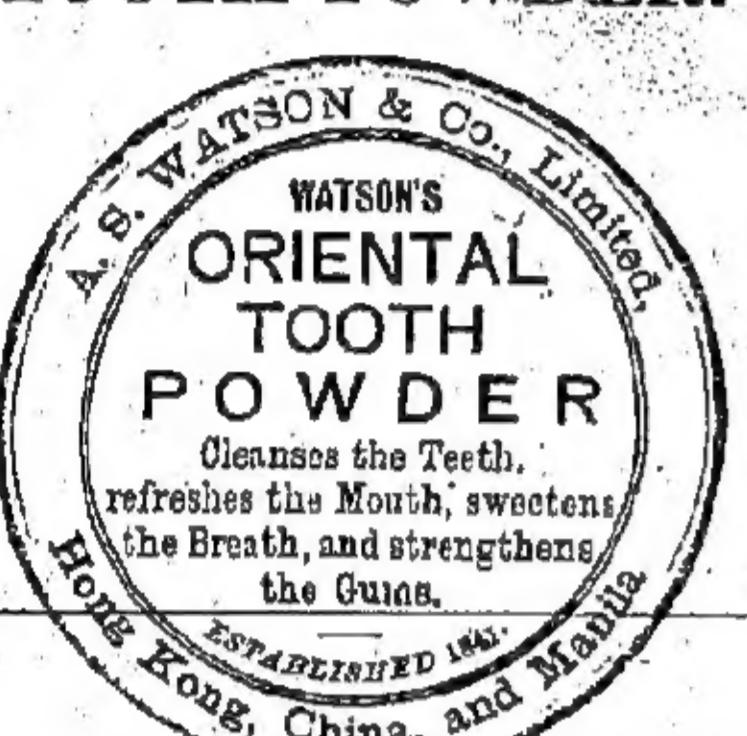
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Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [24]

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 31st, 1898.

WHAT His Excellency the GOVERNOR declared would be his last public act before leaving Hongkong was performed on Saturday morning, and was in his way a notable event. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON laid the foundation stone of a new Reformatory at Causeway Bay, which he announced was to be called the Bellios Reformatory after the donor of the building, the Hon. E. R. BELLIOS, C.M.G. The juvenile offenders in this colony have hitherto, if not considered hardened enough to be sent to Victoria Gaol, been handed over to the Fathers of the Italian Mission, who have conducted an institution of this character at West Point, and they have received a small grant from Government for the purpose. The boys there have been trained up to bootmaking and some other useful trades, but the space was limited and we believe some escapes have lately been effected from the building by young repeaters. At any rate the requirements appear to have outgrown the accommodation, and it seemed desirable to the Government or to Mr. BELLIOS or both that a separate building under direct Government control should be provided, and special steps taken to endeavour to reclaim youthful lawbreakers and set them on the path of reform. The Government have provided the site, a very suitable one, and Mr. BELLIOS has undertaken to erect the Reformatory, which is estimated to cost £12,000. This is a very generous act and in keeping with Mr. BELLIOS's former contributions to the promotion of education. From his speech on Saturday we gather that the noble gentleman considers that reformatories are educational institutions and that they exercise a civilising and reforming effect upon criminals of tender years. This is true of similar institutions in Great Britain, where they are the means not infrequently of turning young offenders from the career of crime upon which they had entered. It may, however, be doubted whether equally satisfactory results can be expected by the application of reformatory agencies to the Chinese mind. We know that deterrent measures will, for years to come at any rate, be the most effective check upon crime in this colony, though we sincerely hope that Mr. BELLIOS's philanthropic effort may show good results in a short time. However that may be, the intention is most excellent, and we trust that the training given in the institution may be of such a character as will be best calculated to give effect to the benevolent aspirations of its founder.

While welcoming this addition to the educational or training institutions of the colony, we cannot forbear an expression of the opinion that it was one which the Government should, of its own initiative, have provided. A reformatory is, after all, a sort of prison for juveniles and in the English Courts children who have committed offences are regularly sentenced to terms of imprisonment in reformatories. The same thing will of course happen here, and the Bellios Reformatory will be a goal for juvenile criminals and administered by the Government. Such an institution should have been built out of the public funds, and private munificence should not have been invoked to provide it. In fact the establishment of a Reformatory was just as essentially a Government work as was the provision of a common goal, and without wishing to cavil at a good deed or to look a gift horse in the mouth we could have wished that Mr. BELLIOS had been able to discover some better channel into which he directed his liberality. No one will fail to appreciate the goodness of his intentions, or to sympathise with his desire to elevate the tendency of the institution for which he has provided a home; but the Government might surely have laid the burden on the Treasury, and suggested to Mr. BELLIOS some more satisfactory outlet for his benevolence. The provision of a school for the children of British subjects at Kowloon, or a reading room and library for the soldiers of the Garrison would, we imagine, have been even more calculated to enlist his interest in education. However, the selection has now been made, the Bellios Reformatory will speedily become a solid fact in stone and brick, and we hope that it will prove a really useful and beneficent agent in the reclamation of Chinese youth from serious crime.

AT the meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., held on Friday last reference was made by Mr. C. S. SHARP to the prospects of property in Hongkong. "Personally," said Mr. Sharp, "I think property in Hongkong has a bright future before it. The tendency seems to be ever onwards, and judging

by the signs around us the demand for houses, the marked activity, more especially of late, is developing and building going on every hand, we appear to have arrived at the commencement of an era of renewed progress and prosperity." Old residents will no doubt be inclined to weigh these remarks in the light of past experience. Since the establishment of the colony "booms" and depressions in the property market have succeeded each other with almost unceasing regularity; there has seldom been any long period of stability. The population increases until the demand for house accommodation exceeds the supply; when that point is reached great activity in building sets in and continues until the supply exceeds the demand; then houses stand empty, ranks in the less favoured localities fall sometimes to merely nominal figures, and building is discontinued until the demand again overtakes the supply. Such has been the experience of the past and doubtless it will be the experience to some extent of the future, though it may be hoped that profiting by past lessons builders will be somewhat more cautious and the fluctuations consequently less violent. As Mr. SHARP says, the tendency of the colony is ever upwards, but the advance is not made by a continuous and uninterrupted series of leaps and bounds. Directing our attention, however, more particularly to European residences, there is at present taking place a change in the conditions of the colony which leads us to believe that there is not much danger of building being overdone in that direction for a long period to come. The fact is that Europeans are being crowded out of what were formerly their favourite residential areas. The movement commenced a good many years ago, but has latterly become greatly accelerated, and it seems probable that within a few years all the terrace houses between Caine Road and Robinson Road will be occupied by Chinese and the detached houses in that locality will either be replaced by terraces similarly occupied or will be taken up as they stand by wealthy Chinese. We have a European District Reservation Ordinance which prohibits the erection of Chinese houses within a certain defined area, including the district mentioned, but it does not prohibit the Chinese occupation of European houses. And the Chinese are developing a taste for European houses and are establishing their families in the colony in rapidly increasing numbers. The Europeans are consequently being crowded out of the district into which the well-to-do Chinese are pressing, namely, that lying between Robinson Road and the Caine Road, not to speak of the still lower levels. They must therefore spread eastward and westward; but persons in search of houses at the present time find it almost impossible to satisfy their requirements in any direction; and there does not seem much probability of the building operations now in progress or in contemplation being able to do much more than keep pace with the demand, even assuming the progress of the colony to continue only at a normal rate. But with an increase in the number of manufacturing industries in the place, the growth of trade, and our prospective connection with the interior of China by rail, there must take place also an increase in the population both native and foreign, greater possibly than any that has taken place in the past. How long the establishment of railway communication may be delayed it is impossible to say, and it would be imprudent for speculators to build extravagant schemes upon its prospect, but it is an event which it is the duty of the Government to foresee and provide for in regulating the growth and development of the city and its suburbs. In the recent discussion on the location of the Post Office it was suggested that in the course of ten years all the European firms would have their offices on the Praya Recife, east of Poder's Wharf. But by that time the number of firms may be too large to be accommodated within that

circumscribed area. However that may be there must inevitably be a large increase in the European population, for which house accommodation must be provided, and the Chinese demand for houses in the European residential district is an important factor to be reckoned with in the solution of the problem.

The C. P. R. steamer Empress of China left Yokohama for Vancouver on Friday, the 26th inst.

The N. D. L. steamer Preussen left Shanghai on Friday, the 28th instant, at 3 p.m., and may be expected here this morning.

The Imperial German mail steamer Sachsen carrying the German mails with despatch from Berlin to India, left Colombo on the 29th inst. at 9 a.m. and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 10th February.

The colony's farewell address to H. E. Sir William Robinson, G.C.M.G., will be presented by Sir John Carrington, Kt., C.M.G., in the City Hall at 10.30 a.m. to-morrow. The prince invited. The steamer Famo will be available for those wishing to accompany His Excellency to the mail steamer.

This afternoon the Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S. Alacrity. Kick-off at 4.45. The Club team will be—P. G. Davies, R. A. goat, P. W. Hornby, and C. T. Hawks, H. W. Stale, J. D. Danby, and F. H. Kew, backs. E. P. MacKay, H. R. Holmes, S. A. Smith, E. M. Head, H. A. and A. N. Oates, forwards.

The protocol between Great Britain and Japan regarding patents, trade marks, and designs, signed at London on the 20th October, last, is published in the *Government Gazette*. There is also published the convention between Great Britain and France relative to the Queen's Exequaturs, promulgated to lay the foundation of a new and useful institution in the seventh year of a continued residence in the colony. That alone is an interesting fact; it gains, however, in interest by being coupled with the circumstances that this is the second educational institution of which you will find, to-day, to take part in what must necessarily be one of the farewell ceremonies of your long and successful administration (Applause). It has never, at least in my rather limited experience, been my fortune to witness such a scene. The Queen's Exequaturs, proposed to lay the foundation stones of a new and useful institution in the seventh year of a continued residence in the colony. 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